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Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Cancel claims 1-50.

Add claims 51-55.

-- 51. A method of inhibiting the rejection of a cell transplanted into a human patient, the method comprising:

(a) introducing into the cell a DNA construct comprising a DNA molecule encoding an immunosuppressive polypeptide, and

(b) transplanting the cell into the human patient, wherein the immunosuppressive polypeptide is expressed at a level sufficient to suppress the rejection of the transplanted cell.

52. The method of claim 51, wherein the cell is a cell of an allograft.

53. The method of claim 51, wherein the cell is a cell of a xenograft.

54. The method of claim 51, wherein the DNA molecule encodes transforming growth factor- β (TGF- β).

55. The method of claim 51, wherein the DNA molecule encodes interleukin-10 (IL-10). --

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REMARKS

The claims added by way of this amendment are supported by the original claims and the specification. For example, new claim 51 is supported by original claim 1; new claim 52 is supported by original claim 3; new claim 53 is supported by original claim 4; and new claim 54 is supported by original claim 12. No new matter has been added.

Applicants submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. No fees are believed due in connection with this amendment. If there are any fees, or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the claims:

Claims 1-50 have been cancelled.